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OF THE

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AND

Sanitary Inspector:

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER 1953.

Oscar Blackford Limited, Princes Street, Truro.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1953.

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CITY OF TRURO

Annual Report of the Medical Officer for the year ending 31st December, 1953.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report on the health of the City of Truro in 1953.

Any comments I have had to make have been included in the body of the report. All that remains here is the pleasant duty of thanking the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their consideration and support during the year and Mr. Lister, whose separate report is appended, for his loyal co-operation.

I have the honour to be

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant;

V. E. WHITMAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

| | | |
|--|-----|---------|
| Area of City (acres) | ... | 2,450 |
| Population (mid 1953) | ... | 13,350 |
| Number of inhabited houses | ... | 4,017 |
| Rateable value | ... | £90,394 |
| Product of penny rate | ... | £355 |
| Number of houses built, or under construction since 1945 | | 469 |
| Number of families on waiting list for houses | ... | 708 |

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

| | | |
|--|-------------|-----------|
| Males 87 | Females 102 | Total 189 |
| Registrar General's "Area Comparability Factor" | ... | 1.01 |
| Birth rate, per 1,000 population — Truro | ... | 14.3 |
| Birth rate, per 1,000 population — England and Wales | ... | 15.5 |

Still Births

| | | |
|--|-----------|---------|
| Males 2 | Females 5 | Total 7 |
| Still birth rate, per 1,000 all births — Truro | ... | 35.7 |
| Still birth rate, per 1,000 all births—England and Wales | | 22.4 |

Deaths

| | | |
|--|------------|-----------|
| Males 70 | Females 90 | Total 160 |
| Registrar General's "Area Comparability Factor" | ... | 1.01 |
| Death rate, per 1,000 population — Truro | ... | 12.1 |
| Death rate, per 1,000 population — England and Wales | | 11.4 |

Deaths of Infants under 1 year

| | | |
|---|-----------|---------|
| Males 4 | Females 4 | Total 8 |
| Infant mortality rate, per 1,000 live births — Truro | ... | 42.3 |
| Infant mortality rate, per 1,000 live births — England and Wales | ... | 26.8 |

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks

| | | |
|---------|-----------|---------|
| Males 3 | Females 2 | Total 5 |
|---------|-----------|---------|

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH

| | 1952 | 1953 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Tuberculosis, respiratory ... | 6 | 2 |
| Tuberculosis, other ... | 1 | 2 |
| Syphilitic diseases ... | 2 | — |
| Diphtheria ... | — | — |
| Whooping Cough ... | — | — |
| Meningococcal infections ... | — | — |
| Acute Poliomyelitis ... | — | — |
| Measles ... | — | — |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases | 1 | — |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... | 3 | 4 |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus | 1 | 3 |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast ... | 2 | 2 |
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... | 2 | 4 |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ... | 16 | 15 |
| Leukaemia and aleukaemia ... | — | 1 |
| Diabetes ... | 4 | 3 |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system ... | 25 | 20 |
| Coronary disease, angina ... | 17 | 14 |
| Hypertension with heart disease ... | 4 | 9 |
| Other heart disease ... | 28 | 24 |
| Other circulatory disease ... | 6 | 7 |
| Influenza ... | — | — |
| Pneumonia ... | 7 | 1 |
| Bronchitis ... | 4 | 8 |
| Other diseases of respiratory system ... | 2 | — |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... | — | 3 |
| Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ... | 1 | 2 |
| Nephritis and nephrosis ... | 4 | 1 |
| Hyperplasia of prostate ... | 1 | 2 |
| Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... | — | 1 |
| Congenital malformations ... | 1 | 2 |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 32 | 22 |
| Motor vehicle accidents ... | 3 | — |
| All other accidents ... | 5 | 6 |
| Suicide ... | — | 2 |
| Homicide and operations of war ... | — | — |
| | <hr/> 178 <hr/> | <hr/> 160 <hr/> |

DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS

| | | M. | F. | Total |
|-------|-----|----|----|-------|
| 0+ | ... | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| 1—4 | ... | 1 | — | 1 |
| 5—14 | ... | — | 1 | 1 |
| 15—24 | ... | 2 | — | 2 |
| 25—44 | ... | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| 45—64 | ... | 20 | 11 | 31 |
| 65—74 | ... | 20 | 23 | 43 |
| 75+ | ... | 18 | 48 | 66 |
| | | — | — | — |
| | | 70 | 90 | 160 |
| | | — | — | — |

68.1% of the deaths were of persons over 65 years of age.

The Vital Statistics are better than those for 1952 but worse in most respects than those for the United Kingdom as a whole. The high death rate is probably due in some measure to the large proportion of old people in the Truro population. This is supposed to have been corrected by the Registrar General's "Area Comparability Factor" but the fact that 66 of the 160 persons who died in Truro during the year were over 75 years of age suggests that the factor should be lower than unity rather than higher.

The infant mortality and still birth rates show a distinct improvement over 1952 but both are still very much higher than the national rate. Maternal toxæmia is again the chief offender.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICE

1. Clinics

Child Welfare. Attendances at the infant welfare clinics averaged 26 per session which is a considerable improvement on previous years.

Dental. The number of mothers making use of the National Health Service Act, 1946, to obtain dental treatment for themselves and their infants is disappointingly small. There was a slight improvement in the numbers for the County as a whole in 1953 but in Truro there was a further decrease.

| | | Expectant and Nursing Mothers | Pre-school Children | School Children |
|--------------------|-----|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Inspected | ... | 17 | 48 | 973 |
| Required Treatment | ... | 16 | 46 | 882 |
| Persons treated | ... | 16 | 46 | 792 |
| Attendances | ... | 81 | 92 | 1,724 |
| Made dentally fit | ... | 14 | 41 | 701 |

2. Ambulance Service

| | | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 |
|----------------------|-----|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Ambulances | ... | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 |
| Utilecons | ... | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Patients carried— | | | | | |
| Ambulances | ... | 4,221 | 4,565 | 4,341 | 3,723 |
| Utilecons | ... | 8,682 | 9,599 | 10,475 | 12,299 |
| Hospital Car Service | ... | 2,910 | 1,723 | 1,642 | 425 |
| Miles travelled— | | | | | |
| Ambulances | ... | 66,698 | 70,901 | 61,069 | 59,706 |
| Utilecons | ... | 81,685 | 94,314 | 103,430 | 113,151 |
| Hospital Car Service | ... | 85,594 | 48,555 | 35,487 | 5,857 |

3. Home Help Service

The establishment of Home Helps was 8. Help was given in their own homes to 37 maternity and 70 other cases during the year.

4. After-Care Grants

Free grants of extra nourishment were made to 6 tubercular patients on the recommendation of the Chest Physician.

5. Laboratory Facilities

The Truro Public Health Laboratory examined and reported on 20 samples of ice-cream and 80 samples of water during the year.

6. Water Supply

The Truro Water Company provided an ample supply of wholesome water to the city throughout the year. Samples were taken for bacteriological examination at frequent intervals and all proved satisfactory.

7. Home Nursing, Midwifery & Health Visiting

Miss Margaret Gray, Assistant County Nursing Officer, reports:—
“The number of cases nursed and the number of nursing visits were higher than in previous years. There is still a shortage of staff but the help of a part-time nurse during the year eased the situation considerably.

The proportion of domiciliary midwifery cases shows a welcome increase from less than 55% in 1952 to nearly 70% in 1953. The proper place for a mother to have her baby is in her home. Admission to hospital causes a break in the life of the family which upsets both mother and other children and can occasionally have disastrous results. The gradual transfer of the population from old insanitary dwellings to modern council-built houses contributes to this desirable end very considerably.

The joint ante-natal clinics held in co-operation with the local medical practitioners have proved their worth. The same principle has now been extended to consultations between practitioners and Health Visitors with benefit to both and to the children of the City.

The problems of old people are also discussed at these consultations. We feel that despite all that is being done for this segment of the community there is still need for more. Even the comparatively active aged are house-bound in bad weather and few are fit for such heavy jobs as carrying coals and heavy shopping baskets. For those that are too frail to fend for themselves there is a need for board-lodgings. The compilation of a register of younger people, preferably with families of their own, who are willing to take in aged lodgers is a task which cannot be very much longer delayed.

With the appointment of a second Health Visitor in September we have been able to catch up with the routine infant visiting. We have also stepped up the efforts to obtain a higher standard of personal hygiene among school children. Far too many children have vermin in their hair due to the existence of a fairly small number of persistently verminous families. There has been some slight improvement but only an incorrigible optimist would suggest we are within measurable distance of solving this problem."

| | | |
|---|------|-------|
| General cases nursed | ... | 702 |
| General nursing visits | ... | 5,768 |
| Midwifery cases | ... | 132 |
| Midwifery visits | ... | 3,960 |
| Ante-natal visits | ... | 840 |
| Health visits to children under 5 years | ... | 4,559 |
| Visits to elderly people | | 3,338 |

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

| Age Group | Scarlet Fever | | Whooping Cough | | Measles | |
|-----------|---------------|---|----------------|----|---------|----|
| | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| 0— 1 | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | — |
| 1— 2 | — | — | 2 | 5 | 16 | 9 |
| 3— 4 | — | — | 3 | 4 | 13 | 17 |
| 5— 9 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 29 | 17 |
| 10—14 | — | — | — | — | 7 | 1 |
| 15—24 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 25 + | — | — | 1 | 2 | 1 | — |
| | 1 | 2 | 10 | 21 | 67 | 44 |
| Total | 3 | | 31 | | 111 | |

In addition to the above there were 3 cases of acute primary pneumonia and one of dysentery. There were no cases of poliomyelitis or food poisoning during the year.

93 of the measles cases occurred in January and February, forming the tail end of an epidemic which began in October, 1952. The total number of cases notified was 426 of which 4 were under 1 year of age and 4 were over 25 years old. 270 (63.4%) of the cases were over 5 years of age. These figures would be more interesting and it would be safer to draw deductions from them if it were not fairly certain that a large number of cases were never seen by a doctor. Because the figures are always so incomplete it has been suggested that notification of measles is valueless. On the other side are many, myself among them, who are optimistic enough to believe that measles will, in the not too distant future, join the ever growing group of preventible diseases. It can in fact be prevented at this moment by the use of gamma globulin but this is in such short supply that it must be kept for serious cases only. By observing the cycle of prevalence in an area one could, if a protective agent were readily available, arrange to immunise all susceptible children under a certain age before an epidemic got under way. Because this is a distinct possibility it seems to me important that measles should continue to be a notifiable disease.

Diphtheria

There was no case of the disease during the year. 104 children under 5 years and 82 between the ages of 5 years and 14 years were given primary immunising doses. Of these 109 received the combined antigen which also affords protection against whooping cough. 295 children already immunised were given booster doses.

It was estimated that on 31st December, 1953, there were 719 children in Truro between the ages of 1 and 5 years. Of these, 490, or 68.1% had been protected against Diphtheria by immunisation. This figure is still below the safety level of 70 — 75%, but is an improvement on 1952 when it was only 55.4%.

Smallpox

There was no smallpox in Truro in 1953. 68 children and 17 persons over 15 were vaccinated and 37 re-vaccinations were done.

Tuberculosis

| Age Group | New Cases | | | | Deaths | | | |
|--------------|-----------|---|---------------|---|-----------|---|---------------|---|
| | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| 0+ | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 1— 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 5—14 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 1 |
| 15—44 | 5 | 6 | — | 1 | 2 | — | 1 | — |
| 45—64 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 65+ | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | <hr/> | | <hr/> | | <hr/> | | <hr/> | |
| | 5 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 2 | — | 1 | 1 |
| | <hr/> | | <hr/> | | <hr/> | | <hr/> | |
| Totals | 13 | | 3 | | 2 | | 2 | |
| | <hr/> | | <hr/> | | <hr/> | | <hr/> | |

The number of tubercular patients on the register at 31st December, 1953, was 89 respiratory and 16 non-respiratory, making a total of 105 cases. This gives an incidence of 7.9 known cases per 1,000 population.

By the end of 1953 the number of children who had been vaccinated against tuberculosis with B.C.G. had risen to 530. Of these 62 were contacts of known cases of the disease. 468 were school leavers the parents of whom had accepted the offer of this protective procedure. It is a credit to the staffs of the schools and to the parents that the acceptance rate was practically 100%. In the 2 large private boys' schools the response was not so good.

It was also possible to get the school leavers x-rayed by the Mass Radiography Unit which worked in Truro from 26th—30th October. 886 children and 280 adults were examined during this period. 3 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were discovered, all in an early, and therefore curable, stage of the disease. 2 other very early cases were discovered which healed after a short period of observation.

CITY SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1953.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for 1953 as follows:—

Housing:

Work on the Housing Survey was again limited, and the usual tabular form of progress report is set out below. As previously, the figures in brackets indicate the overall total to date.

SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total No. of houses | Houses sharing W.C. accommodation | W.C.'s having no flush | W.C.'s having old & obsolete cased in hopper basins | Houses without sinks | Water supply from tap in yard |
| 44(504) | 16(130) | 0(63) | 4(131) | 32(330) | 32(271) |

FUTURE PROGRAMME.

| 7 | 8 | 9 |
|--|---|--|
| Houses ripe for demolition as soon as conditions permit | Houses requiring probable works of conversion & reconditioning | Back to back (included in columns 7 or 8) |
| 9(130) | 12(71) | 0(42) |

Action under Section II:

Ten reports were submitted in respect of houses which were unfit for human habitation and were not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit. As a result notices were served under the above Section, and in 4 cases the City Council accepted undertakings from the owners concerned that the houses should not be used for human habitation until the Council were satisfied that the houses had been rendered fit and until the Council had cancelled the Undertakings. During the year reconstruction work had been carried out to two premises in respect of which undertakings had been accepted during 1952. The Council were satisfied that the works carried out rendered the premises fit and the undertakings were cancelled. In the other six cases Demolition Orders were made.

Inspection of the District:

The following visits and inspections have been made:—

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Public Health Act, 1936 | | |
| (a) Housing | ... | 235 |
| (b) Drainage (including nuisances from overflowing cesspools) | ... | 195 |
| (c) Sanitary Accommodation (including Schools) | ... | 42 |
| (d) Water Supply (including the collection of Samples) | | 91 |
| (e) Water Courses | ... | 4 |
| (f) Keeping of Animals | ... | 16 |
| (g) Accumulations | ... | 27 |
| (h) Infestations (Dirty or verminous premises) | ... | 37 |
| (i) Other Infestations | ... | 15 |
| (j) Infectious Diseases | ... | 12 |
| (k) Cinemas | ... | 6 |
| (l) Moveable Dwellings | ... | 30 |
| (m) Public Health Miscellaneous | ... | 55 |
| 2. Milk and Dairies Regulations | ... | 41 |
| 3. Housing Act | | |
| (a) Rehousing | ... | 111 |
| (b) Inspections (including survey in progress) | ... | 104 |
| 4. Food and Drugs Act | | |
| (a) Food, including Condemnations | ... | 154 |
| (b) Premises | ... | 29 |
| (c) Ice-cream Sampling and inspections | ... | 31 |
| (d) Meat | ... | 9 |
| 5. Factories Act | ... | 7 |
| 6. Shops Act | ... | 209 |
| 7. Rodent Control | ... | 113 |
| 8. Miscellaneous (including Hackney Carriages) | ... | 71 |
| | Total | 1,644 |

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Informal Action

| Owners Notified | | | | | Work Completed | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Sec. 39 | Sec. 44 | Sec. 45 | Sec. 93 | Sec. 93 | Sec. 39 | Sec. 44 | Sec. 45 | Sec. 93 | Sec. 93 |
| | | (Housing) | (General) | | | | | (Housing) | (General) |
| 12 | 3 | 10 | 67 | 19 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 25 | 7 |

Formal Action

| Sec. 39 | Sec. 44 | Sec. 45 | Sec. 93 | Sec. 93 | Sec. 39 | Sec. 44 | Sec. 45 | Sec. 93 | Sec. 93 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 4 | 3 | 5 | 31 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 3 |

In addition to the above, action was taken under Section 83 in respect of 5 dirty and verminous premises. In two cases it was necessary to resort to formal action, but only in one case was any improvement noted.

The flea infestations were again heavy and were subjected to periodical treatment.

Householders once more sought help in the way of dealing with cases of Ants' and Wasps' nests, and these requests were dealt with in the customary way.

During the year 3 food premises were treated to overcome infestation by flies. The continued use of a Lindane-Pyrethrum Miscible concentrate gave satisfactory results.

Moveable Dwellings:

A complaint was received as to the purity of the water supply serving the one licensed caravan site. Samples taken were satisfactory but there were two possible sources of contamination. These have since received attention, and the position is satisfactory.

Drainage

Although the call on the services of the City Council's Cesspool emptier was the heaviest on record the position was never out of hand. Altogether 700 cesspools were emptied and of these 180 were on the Hillcrest-Sunningdale Estates. The main drainage of these Estates was completed during the year and many of the 180 emptyings were the final ones prior to the filling-in of the cesspools.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION:

During the year the following was condemned:—

| | | |
|--|------|---------|
| 42 lbs. Bovine Breast and | | |
| | Ribs | ... |
| 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Head of Pork | — | Abcess |
| 18 lbs. Shoulder Pork | ... | Bruised |
| 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Hindquarter Beef | ... | Bruised |
| 114 lbs. Hindquarter Beef | ... | Bruised |

Other Food:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2162 Tins Preserves | 1 Box Energen Rolls |
| 239 Tins Meat | 17 lbs. Smoked Fillets |
| 81 Tins Milk | 5 Tins Apple Pie |
| 40 Tins Soup | 2 Jars Stuffed Olives |
| 213 Tins Vegetables | 7 Pkts. Corn Flakes |
| 36 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Brisket Beef | 7 Dundee Cakes |
| 72 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Jellied Veal | 6 Madeira Cakes |
| 33 x 5 Kilo Tins Apricot Pulp | 29 Fruit Pies |
| 14 x 5 Kilo Tins Peach Pulp | 360 Junior Swiss Rolls |
| 13 x 5 Kilo Tins Red Cherries | 7 Chocolate Rolls |
| 18 x 5 Kilo Tins Tomato Puree | 3 lbs. Hogs Pudding |
| 8 x 5 Kilo Tins Prunes | 2 Jars Red Cabbage |
| 50 Tins Fish | 1 Bottle Orange Squash |
| 537 lbs. Sausages | 2 Bottles H.P. Sauce |
| 670 lbs. Cooked Ham | 1 Jar Honey |
| 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Cheese | 1 Jar Mango Chutney |
| 24 lbs. Chopped Pork | 3 Jars Branston |
| 438 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Ox Tongue | 14 Portions Cheese |
| 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Luncheon Meat | 3 Stone Fillets |
| 30 lbs. Pigs Tongues | 1 Tin Pork Sausages |
| 24 lbs. Corned Beef | 19 Pork Pies |
| 14 lbs. Pressed Beef | 1 lb. Moist Sugar |
| 1 Tin Coffee | 60 Eggs |
| 3 Boxes Cheese | 24 Oranges |
| 2 Jars Relish | 84 Swiss Rolls |
| 1 Tin Baking Powder | 8 Iced Cakes |
| 13 Tins Caviar | 2 Pkts. Rusks |
| 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ Stone Herrings | 1 Tin Apple Dumpling |
| 5 Stone Ling Fillet | 1 Pkt. Meringue |
| 1 Table Jelly | 1 Bottle Cochineal |
| 23 lbs. Puff Pastry | 1 Bottle Tomato Juice |
| 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Brawn | 1 Tin Pie Apple |
| 12 Tins Patent Groats | 1 Bottle Rennet |
| 4 Tins Patent Barley | 56 lbs. Mint Bon Bons |
| 4 lb. Tin Pork | 28 lbs. Acid Ovals |

Other Food (Contd.):

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| 2 Chocolate Gateaux | 61 lbs. Tomatoes |
| 4 Jars Relish | 6 Trays Peaches |
| 8 Pkts. Cake Mixture | 360 lbs. Plums |
| 2 Chocolate Cakes | 1 Case Melons |
| 7 Oranges | 2 Stone Lemon Sole |
| 1 Pkt. Grapenuts | 1 Tin French Mustard |
| 1 Tin Mustard | 21 Pkts. Batter Mixture |
| 2 lb. Pork Pie | 97 Chocolate Munchmallows |
| 1 Xmas Pudding | 4 Jars Pineapple Jelly |
| 1 Pkt. Glace Cherries | 2 Boxes Swiss Cheese |
| 1 Pkt. Rusks | 1 Box St. Ivel Cheese |
| 3 Portions Cream Cheese | 4 Boxes Camembert |
| 1 Tin Ravioli | 1 Box Kup Cakes |
| 6 Stone Napes | 1 Box Shredded Wheat |
| 3 Stone Plaice | 1 lb. Chocolate Biscuits |
| 1 Box Cheese Spread | 10 lbs. Cheese Biscuits |
| 1 Bottle O.K. Sauce | 2 Tins Cashew Nuts |
| 1 Pkt. Cake Mixture | 3 Jars English Brawn |
| 1 Jar Pickle | 3 Bottles Tomato Sauce |
| 20 doz. & 10 Wrigleys Juicy Fruits | 1 Jar Blackcurrant Jam |
| 62½ Doz. Wrigleys Spearmint | 108 lbs. Chocolate Bourbon Biscuits |
| 20 doz. & 10 Wrigleys P.K. | 10 x 1 lb. Cottage Pies |
| 3 Bath Chaps | 1 Stone Smoked Fillet |
| 1 Box Cheese Portions | 2 Fruit Cakes |
| 8 lbs. Slab Cake | 1 Pkt. All-Bran |
| 2 Jars Red Cabbage | 1 Saffron Cake |
| 3 Jars Raspberry Jam | 1 Bottle Capers |
| 6 Jars Silver Shred | 1 Jar Honey |
| Marmalade | 1 Bottle Sauce |
| 3 Pkts. Creamola Crystals | 1 Jar Anchovy Paste |
| 12 Pkts. Coffee Bits | 2¾ lbs. Egg Powder |
| 2932 x 2 Oz. Tins Hazelnut Kernels | 15 lbs. Plain Flour |
| 8 Fruit Pies | 8 Fruit Pies |
| 29 Tins Delicaf Coffee | 4 Pkts. Scotts Oats |
| 9 Swiss Rolls | 1 Tin Pepper |
| 1 Jar Tomato Ketchup | 1 Bottle Orange Squash |
| 1 Box Cheese Portions | 4 Pork Pies |
| 1 Tin Bath Oliver Biscuits | 5 lbs. Bananas |
| 2 Cartons Bi-Carbonate Soda | 1 Jar Salad Cream |
| 3 Tins Heinz Baby Food | 1 Jar Mint Sauce |
| 1 Tin Dressed Crab | 1 Jar Marmite |
| 1 Jar Tomato Juice Cocktail | 1 Jar Onions |
| 1 Bottle Capers | 4 Tins Sweet Corn |
| 2 Tins Chicken | 116 lbs. Prawns |
| 74 Pasties | 47 Fish Cakes |

PREMISES

Food and Drugs Act, 1938:

No formal action was taken during the year. In four cases advice was sought and given in connection with schemes of conversion and improvement, and my recommendations embodied in the ultimate proposals.

Ice-Cream:

Twenty samples of Ice-cream were taken during the year, and the result can be regarded as satisfactory:—

| | | |
|---------|-----|----|
| Grade 1 | ... | 18 |
| Grade 2 | ... | 1 |
| Grade 3 | ... | 1 |
| | | — |
| | | 20 |
| | | — |

Water Supply:

Eighty samples of water were taken from the public supply, from private houses and schools, all of which were satisfactory. This reveals a very happy state of affairs.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948 — 1. INSPECTIONS

| Premises | M/c line No. (2) | No. on Regis- ters (3) | Inspec- tions (4) | Number of Written Notices (5) | Occupiers Prosecuted (6) | M/c line No. (7) |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by L. Authorities ... | 1 | 28 | — | — | — | — |
| 2. Factories not included in 1. in which 7 is enforced by Local Authorities ... | 2 | 87 | 7 | 2 | — | — |
| 3. Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authorities ... | 3 | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| TOTAL ... | | 116 | 7 | 2 | — | — |

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

| Particulars | M/c line No. | Number of cases in which defects were | | | | No. of |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | | Found | Remedied | Referred to H.M. by Inspector | by H.M. Inspector | Prosecu- tions |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) | | | | | | |
| (a) insufficient ... | 9 | — | — | — | — | — |
| (b) unsuitable or defective ... | 10 | 2 | 1 | — | — | — |
| (c) not separate for sexes ... | 11 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Other offences against the Act (not includ- ing offences relating to Outwork) ... | 12 | — | — | — | — | — |
| TOTAL ... | | 2 | 1 | — | — | — |

Shops Act, 1950:

Visits, reports and preliminaries were made during the year in connection with the proposed Order under Section 1 of the above Act fixing the day for the weekly half-holiday. The Order was duly made during the year — the day fixed being Thursday with Saturday as an alternative. There is no doubt that the Order will prove a boon both to shopkeepers and shopper alike.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

| | Type of Property | | | | TOTAL |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|---------|
| | Local Authority | Dwelling Houses | Agric- cultural | All other (including Business & Industrial) | |
| 1. Total number of properties in L.A. District | 25 | 4,040 | 26 | 822 | 4,913 |
| 2. Number of properties inspected during 1953 as a result of (a) notification or | (a) — | 50 | — | 5 | 55 |
| (b) otherwise | (b) 32 | 620 | 12 | 44 | 708 |
| 3. Number of properties (under 11) found to be infested by rats | Major 1 Minor 8 | — 37 | — 1 | — 22 | 1 68 |
| 4. Number of properties (under 11) found to be seriously infested by mice | — | — | — | — | — |
| 5. Number of infested properties (under 3 and 4) treated by Local Authority | ... 9 | 37 | 1 | 9 | 56 |
| 6. Number of notices served under Section 4:— | | | | | |
| (1) Treatment | ... — | — | — | — | — |
| (2) Structural Works (i.e. Proofing) | ... — | — | — | — | — |
| 7. Number of cases in which default action was taken by Local Authority following issue of notice under Section 4 | ... — | — | — | — | — |
| 8. Legal Proceedings | ... — | — | — | — | — |
| 9. Number of “block” control schemes carried out | ... 2 | | | | |

Re-Housing:

During the year I took over the duties of Housing Officer from the City Treasurer. Hitherto I had been responsible for inspections made, and it was felt that a certain amount of duplication would be avoided if I assumed full responsibility. It has been found that a considerable amount of time is spent in interviewing callers relative to their applications, and due to the nature of my office accommodation it is difficult to insist upon "by appointment only."

